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SUBJECT: US OFFICIAL TRAVEL ON AIR MAURITANIA

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REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 1151; (B) MONROVIA 3059;
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BECAUSE OF DOCUMENTED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MAINTENANCE
OF AIR MAURITANIA'S AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTESTED
TO BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMIN-
ISTRATION (FAA); AND BECAUSE OF THE FAA'S SATISFACTION

THAT AIR MAURITANIA'S PILOTS POSSESS AIRMEN CERTIFICATES WHICH DENOTE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCE TO ENSURE SAFE PILOT PRACTICES; AND BECAUSE US EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN NOUAKCHOTT ARE SATISFIED THAT UNSAFE PRACTICES PERTAINING TO CARGO LOADING AND AIRCRAFT CONFIGURATION ARE NO LONGER COMMON, THE DEPARTMENT IS RECINDING ITS 3 AUGUST 1976 NOTICE WHICH WARNED ALL OFFICIAL TRAVELERS TO AVOID USE OF AIR MAURITANIA (REF C).

THIS ACTION IS NEITHER AN ENDORSEMENT OF AIR MAURITANIA NOR SHOULD IT BE VIEWED AS AN ASSURANCE THAT AIR MAURITANIA WILL AT ALL TIMES EVIDENCE CORRECT PASSENGER AND CARGO HANDLING, FLYING AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES IN THE FUTURE.

THE INTENT OF THIS ACTION IS TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE UNSOUND AIR MAURITANIA PRACTICES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HAVE BEEN REDRESSED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING TRAVEL REGULATIONS (I.E. "FLY AMERICA ACT"), OFFICIAL TRAVELERS MAY EXERCISE THEIR DISCRETION IN SELECTING AIR MAURITANIA FOR TRAVEL. VANCE

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